Import of Urea

1478. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether certain Government companies have been made eligible to import urea notwithstanding the existence of the MMTC and STC as the sole canalising agencies for many years.

(b) if so, the details thereof with the date from which departure from the prevalant policy was approved, company-wise;

(c) the reasons for this relaxation in the policy.

(d) the total quantities of urea contracted for import and actually received upto March 31 1996 by each agency, separately;

(e) whether the Government propose to review the policy decision and restore the status-quo-ante and

(f) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The urea imported on Government's account till 1994-95 was entirely canalised through M/s. MMTC Ltd. In October 1994 when MMTC was unable to deliver quantities against requirement a decision was made to give ad-hoc allocations to National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) Pyrites Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) and Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL) to supplement the efforts of MMTC. In 1995-96 NFL, PPCL and State Trading Corporation Ltd. (STC) alongwith Indian Potash Limited (IPL) were inducted as licencees for import of urea on Government's account with MMTC continuing as the lead canalising agent.

(d) The quantities contracted and actually received by each of the canalising agencies during 1995-96 are given below:

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Name of Canalising Agency	1995-96	
	Quantity contracted	Quantity actually received
MMTC	28.81	26.03
STC	6.17	3.09
PPCL	6.75	3.85
NFL	5.76	3.35
IPL	3.37	1.50

(e) and (f). There is no proposal for reverting to the single agency system at present.

Bhadrak and Balasore Railway Stations

1479. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation to improve the facilities and modernise the Bhadrak and Balasore Railway Stations on the South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any demand has been made to stop Rajdhani Express at Balasore Station; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations pertained to improvement/augmentation of facilities like extension of platform covers, raising of platforms, booking/reservation facilities, foot-over-bridge, remodelling of station buildings.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The demand was considered but not found justified.

Daitri-Bampani Railway Line

1480. SHRI MADHABA SARDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Daitri-Bampani Railway line;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a new railway line between Painkoili and Rourkela keeping in view its importance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Work is in progress on Km. 0-124 of which the first 15 km. section from Banspani to Joruri will be opened this year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer of Catering Contracts

1481. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the policy of the Government the catering/vending contracts can automatically be transferred to the legal heir of the deceased contractor as usual; and

(b) if so, the detailed guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). As per policy, in the event of death of licence of a catering/vending unit, the licence can be transferred in the name of legal heir for the unexpired period of contract.

Recovery of Arms Dropped at Purulia

1482. DR. G.R. SARODE :
DR. SAHEBRAO SUKRAM BAGUL :
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :
SHRI SOHAN BEER :
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the arms dropped at Purulia have been recovered;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the value of the foreign arms in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). A statement indicating the possible quantity of arms, ammunitions etc. dropped as per Mr. Peter Bleach, the main accused in the Arms Dropping case in Purulia and the actual recovery made (as on 30.6.1996) is attached.

(c) Mr. Peter Bleach, the main accused in the case, during interrogation, is reported to have stated that the dropped arms consignment was worth US Dollars 1,65,000 which included an US$ 30,000 towards the cost of aircraft used for air dropping of the arms etc.

STATEMENT

Details of Arms, Ammunitions etc as on 30.6.96

S.No	Items	Possible quantity air-dropped (as per Peter Bleach)	Actual recovery so far as on 30.6.96	
1	2	3	4	
1.	AL-47/56 (Kalashnikov)	300	246	
2.	7.62 Ammunition (50 mm type)	36,400	20,543	rounds
3.	9 mm Pistols	25	11	
4.	9 mm Ammunition	3,840	3,885	round
5.	Rocket Launchers	10	10	
6.	Booster for Rocket Launchers	100	69	
7.	Telescopic Sight for Rocket Launchers	10	6	
8.	Dragunov 7.62 Snipper Rifles	2	2	
9.	Hand Grenade	100	65	
10.	Anti tank grenade	100	78	
11.	DVM Liquid Cans (fuse & igniter system for grenades)	10	9	
12.	Parachutes	3	3	
13.	Night Vision equipments	2	2	
14.	Oil Pots		60	
15.	Cleaning Rod		4	
16.	Punches (Canvas pouch Small pouch)		162	
17.	Revolver Holster		19	
18.	Cleaning brush		59	
19.	Nylon rope		1	
20.	Sling		102	
21.	Empty Mazazine		914	

[Translation]

Meter Gauge Railway Line from Hasanpur to Sikri

1483. SHRI PITAMBAR PASWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the foundation stone for laying Meter Gauge Railway Line from Hasanpur to Sikri in the North-Eastern Railway was laid in the year 1974 by then Minister of Railways after its clearance from the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting the work so far even after the lapse of 22 years;

(c) the time by which the Government propose to commence the said work without any further delay; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of Hassanpur-Sakri M.G. new line was included in the budget 1974-75, but owing to low operational priority and constraint of resources, no funds could be provided. It was dropped in 1986. Now again, the project has been included in the budget 96-97.

(c) The work would be started after the budget is passed and necessary clearances have been obtained.

(d) Does not arise.